

Remarks

Claims 14-16 and 18-32 were pending in the subject application. By way of the Amendment dated December 28, 2004 claims 28 and 29 were canceled and claims 14 and 32 were amended. By way of the present Amendment, claims 14 and 32 have been further amended over the amendments to claims 14 and 32 from the Amendment dated December 28, 2004. The undersigned avers that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Entry and consideration of the amendments presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 14-16, 18-27, and 30-32 are currently before the Examiner for her consideration. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

The amendments to the claims have been made in an effort to lend greater clarity to the claimed subject matter and to expedite prosecution. These amendments should not be taken to indicate the applicants' agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejections of record. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

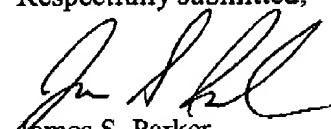
Claims 14 and 32 have been amended to remove "U-shaped" to clarify the description of the wire receiving area is not limited to being "U-shaped". The applicant notes that he specification describes, at page 2, lines 5-6 that "[t]he wire clip can be generally of U-shaped configuration, with two arms being joined to the main body." Claims 14 and 32 have been amended to replace "said wire receiving area adjacent the main body" with "said wire receiving area being adjacent the main body", for grammatical consistency, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Claims 14 and 32 have also been amended to replace "whereby the wiring clip is in continuous contact with the metal framing stud member except at the U-shaped wire receiving area" with "wherein the first arm and the second arm are in continuous contact with the first side and the second side, respectively, of the metal framing stud member" to clarify that the wiring clip does not need to be in continuous contact at all points except the wire receiving area with the metal framing stud member. The applicant submits that although in specific embodiment of the subject invention the wire clip is in continuous contact with the metal framing stud member except at the wire receiving area, in the embodiment claimed in claims 14 and 32, the wire clip is not necessarily in continuous contact with the metal framing stud member except at the wire receiving area. Rather, in the embodiment of the subject invention claims in claims 14 and 32, the first arm and the second arm are in continuous

contact with the first side and the second side, respectively, of the metal framing stud member. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 14-16, 18-20, 26, 27, and 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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